

Frequently Asked Questions 20170210

1. Where do I report for the AITPSG Course?

Answer: Upon arrival at Fort Jackson for the AITPSG Course and the Master Resiliency Training Course, all candidates must report to the United States Army Drill Sergeant School in Building 9574.

2. How long is the AITPSG Course?

Answer: The AITPSG Course is six weeks long however, the Department of the Army requires all AITPSG's to complete the Master Resiliency Training Course (MRTC) prior to serving with Soldiers in training. While you are on Fort Jackson you will also complete the MRTC, which is an additional two week course located in Bldg. 3216. If you have previously completed the MRTC, please bring your graduation information to in-processing on Day, if you haven't you will be enrolled in MRT once you have arrived to the academy.

3. Do I have to take an APFT to get into the AITPSG Course?

Answer: Yes, you will take an APFT the second day of the AITPSG course and at the end of the course.

4. Do I really have to bring everything on the packing list?

Answer: Yes, this packing list applies to all students attending the US Army Drill Sergeant School and AIT Platoon Sergeant Course.

5. Is there an 1800 formation on report day?

Answer: No, this day is for you to report. There will be signs hanging around the Academy giving you instructions for Day 1 for the AITPSG/MRT. Report time is not earlier than 1200 on report day.

6. What can I do to prepare myself for the course?

Answer: Learn some cadences! You will be in charge of formations and marching a formation while you are here. Become familiar with FM 7-22 and the conduct of Physical Readiness Training. Have an APFT that is graded to standard and have an honest assessment of your height/weight done; most of the people sent home are due to failing to do the APFT events to standard and failure to meet the requirements of AR 600-9. Learn the following movements prior to attending the course Position or Attention, Rest Positions at the halt, and Hand Salute. You will be pitching these movements the second week you are at the AITPSG Course

7. Why do I have to stay in the Drill Sergeant School Barracks while I attend MRT?

Answer: You are attending MRT because it is a requirement to be an AIT Platoon Sergeant

8. Why do I need to delete my email account from my current installation?

Answer: In order for you to access the internet and most military websites associated with the course, you need a Fort Jackson account. Prior to leaving your home station you will need to coordinate with your S-6 to have your email account "removed from active directory". This will enable the US Army Drill Sergeant School / Ft. Jackson to service your account while you are in a student status.

9. I thought that we would be issued a set of ASUs, why is this on the packing list?

Answer: As of July 2013, the US Army Drill Sergeant School and AIT Platoon Sergeant Course no longer receive the ASU initial issue. This was done due to budgetary constraints. You will need the Service Cap for graduation, you can purchase here at clothing and sales or bring with you.

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10. I am coming from an Airborne unit; can I still wear my beret?

Answer: Yes, your beret is authorized, however you will graduate in Service cap. This will start your process of being an AITPSG unless you are going to an Airborne Assignment.

11. I'm over 40, what does my physical need to say on it?

Answer: If you are over 40 years old your physical must say "Cleared for AIT Platoon Sergeant Duty"

12. How long is my Mental Status Evaluation good for?

Answer: Your Behavioral Health screening is good for 6 months; this time is counted from the course start date.

13. Is there internet available in the barracks?

Answer: No. There is no internet or cable, your free time should be spent improving yourself and learning Drill and Ceremonies and Physical Readiness Training. You are TDY for training, not for leisure.

14. What if I do not have a MRT **date prior to reporting to the AITPSGC?**

Answer: You need to contact your schools NCO immediately so they can contact the DS Branch to get you entered into ATTRRS. Contact the DS Branch using this email: usarmy.know.hrc.mbx.epmd-drill-sgt-section@mail.mil or call 1-5026135175

15. What additional items can I bring?

Answer: Linen will be provided once you report however you can bring your own linen.

Each room has a refrigerator and a small kitchenette with a microwave so you can bring small items to cook to have with you in the room. Laptop with TR350-16, FM 7-22 and TC 3-21.5 loaded so you can study on your off time.

16. What are common reasons that AIT PSG Candidates are dropped from the AITPSGC?

Answer: Some AIT PSG Candidates arrive exceeding the allowable body fat standards prescribed in AR 600-9; and some Candidates are unable to achieve 60 points in each standard event of the Army Physical Fitness Test.

RECOMMENDATION: Inbound Candidates must ensure that they are able to meet these required standards prior to reporting to the school. The USADSS and AITPSGC is not an NCOES course and therefore there are no exceptions to the height/weight standards or APFT requirement.

17. Do you have to pitch modules now as an AITPSG?

Answer: Yes during the course you will pitch the D&C module to demonstrate your knowledge of the movement. You have to have a general knowledge of them to give you a skill set to reinforce what the Drill Sergeant has given the Soldier already. **To obtain the maximum grade of 100 on MOI evaluations you must hit all pertinent points, as you deviate from the MOIs your grade could be lower.**

Do not pitch the MOI on your own words as this will affect your grade. Slide variations and synonyms are acceptable to a certain point, you will receive a briefing upon arrival.